

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A laptop lock assembly, comprising:

a lock body configured to be coupled to a laptop, the lock body having a locking portion;
a cable plug slidably coupled to the lock body, the cable plug including an arm;
a cable attached to the cable plug; and

a lock positioned at the lock body and configured to place the laptop lock assembly into a locked state in which the arm of the cable plug and the locking portion of the lock body cooperate with one another to form an enclosed area between the arm of the cable plug and the locking portion of the lock body for constraining an object attached to or part of the laptop within the enclosed area, the lock being further configured to place the laptop lock assembly into an unlocked state in which the arm of the cable plug is slidably positioned away from the locking portion of the lock body, so that the object attached to or part of the laptop may be removed from the area;

wherein the cable and cable plug are such that the cable is non-detachable from the cable plug whether the laptop lock assembly is in the locked state or the unlocked state.

2. (original) The laptop lock assembly of claim 1, wherein the lock body includes a first lock body for receiving the cable plug and a second lock body for receiving the lock.

3. (original) The laptop lock assembly of claim 1, wherein the locking portion of the lock body includes an arm configured to cooperate with the arm of the cable plug to form the enclosed area in the locking state of the laptop lock assembly.

4. (original) The laptop lock assembly of claim 1, wherein the cable plug is configured to slide within the lock body between a first locked position in the locked state of the laptop lock assembly and an unlocked position in the unlocked state of the laptop lock assembly.

5. (previously presented) The laptop lock assembly of claim 4, wherein the cable plug includes:

- a head having an outside diameter;
- a first collar coupled to the head, the first collar having an outside diameter smaller than the outside diameter of the head;
- a first stem coupled to the first collar, the first stem having an outside diameter smaller than the outside diameter of the first collar;
- a second collar coupled to the first stem, the second collar having an outside diameter larger than the outside diameter of the first stem and smaller than the outside diameter of the head; and
- a second stem coupled to the second collar, the second stem having an outside diameter smaller than the outside diameter of the second collar.

6. (original) The laptop lock assembly of claim 5, wherein the lock includes a detent configured to engage with the second collar of the cable plug for maintaining the cable plug in the locked position in the locked state of the laptop lock assembly.

7. (previously presented) The laptop lock assembly of claim 1, wherein the cable is configured to be attached to a solid support.

8. (original) The laptop lock assembly of claim 7, wherein the cable includes a looped portion configured to be attached to the solid support.

9. (original) The laptop lock assembly of claim 8, wherein the cable includes a cable box configured to receive an end of the cable to form the looped portion of the cable.

10. (withdrawn) A laptop and laptop lock assembly, comprising:
a laptop;
a lock body;
a cable plug coupleable to the lock body;

a cable attached to the cable plug;

a lock positioned at the lock body and configured to selectively place the laptop lock assembly into one of a locked state and an unlocked state; and

means for forming an enclosed area in the locked state to constrain an object attached to or part of the laptop within the enclosed area, and for permitting the object to be removed from the area in the unlocked state.